APPENDIX II.

[Vide answer to question No. 81 asked by Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 3rd August 1932, page 182 supra.]

Copy of letter from Dr. N. Ganesha Pai, Nileshwar, South Kanara, dated Kanhangad, the 2nd March 1932.

I most humbly beg to bring the following for your kind persal and sympathetic consideration.

To-day at about 10 a.m., at Kanhangad, two Congress volunteers with a national flag and some printed Congress pamphlets were marching in a procession along the main road from north to south. I was seated in a coffee club just close to the road. The volunteers were stopped on the road a few yards north of the coffee club by a posse of reserve police. It was only then that the passers-by began to collect near them. Then the police asked the crowd to disperse. The crowd melted away leaving the two volunteers alone on the road. The national flag and the pamphlets were forcibly snatched from their hands and they were ordered to go back which they refused. Then the police began to beat the volunteers with lathis and canes until they fell on the ground. Then they were raised up and again beaten with lathis and canes, and then again they were dragged along the road for nearly a furlong. The Local Fund Dispensary was only a few yards away from the place of action. But the police dragged the volunteers along the road and were left unconscious one and a half furlongs away to the north of the hospital on the road itself. After nearly half an hour the volunteers—it seems—gained consciousness and were helped by some of the passers-by to the railway station. I came to know at about 12-15 that the volunteers were lying in the railway station untreated and unlooked for. So I went to the station and brought them in a car to the Local Fund Dispensary at about 1 p.m. They received first aid only at 1 o'clock though they were beaten and left at about 10-30 a.m. Proper treatment was available only at 3 p.m. I understand that there is no section 144 promulgated here.

Therefore I request most humbly to do the needful in the matter.